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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2, 6-38.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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- 1 (Amended) An ink-fet recording head comprising at least
- one piezoelectric block (A) having (a) an ink pressure chamber
- 3 communicating with a nozzle for ejecting ink [to be] supplied from an ink
- 4 [introducing portion] supply, (b) a partition wall serving as a driving portion
- 5 that includes [including] a piezoelect ic element and at least two electrodes
- for driving said piezoelectric element, (c) a pressure buffer chamber, and (d)
- 7 [a]two fixed walls,
- wherein [piezoelectric block (A) is configured such that] said
- 9 ink pressure chamber, said partition wall [serving as the driving portion] and